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For : NOZZLE DEVICE AND HYGIENIC WASHING DEVICE

**ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE**

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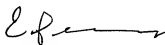
Sir :

In response to the Official Action of February 4, 2009, in which a 30-day shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 6, 2009 (i.e., the 30<sup>th</sup> day), Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, i.e., comprising claims 1-22. The above election is made without traverse.

Further, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the present response or this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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